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“On the attempted appeal from the order of the court below denying plaintiff’s motion to vacate the order of dismissal, it is to be observed that, save in certain instances or exceptions not now material, this court has the jurisdiction to review only final decisions. 28 U.S.C.A. § 225. An order of dismissal is a final judgment from which an appeal will lie. *Colorado Eastern Ry. Co. v. Union Pac. Ry. Co.*, *supra*; *Wilson v. Republic Iron & Steel Co., et al.*, 257 U.S. 92, 96, 42 S.Ct. 35, 66 L.Ed. 144. But an order denying a motion to vacate an order of dismissal is not such a final order for it is ‘The general rule is that no appeal will lie from an order denying a motion to vacate or modify a judgment, decree, or order [Cases cited.]’ *Republic Supply Co. of Calif. v. Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.*, 9 Cir., 74 F.2d 909, 910. See also *Bensen v. United States*, 9 Cir., 93 F.2d 749. In the circumstances, therefore, we have no alternative but to dismiss the appeal in No. 9510.”

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Again an order denying leave to file an amended complaint is not an appealable order. *Kulesza v. Blair*, 41 F.2d 439 (7th Cir. 1930) Cert. den. 282 U.S. 883. Although the case involved the question of amending an answer, the logic as to the question of appealability would be the same and this court has held that an order denying leave to file an amendment to an answer is not a final order and thus not appealable. *Hancock Oil Co. v. Universal Oil Products Co.*, 120 F.2d 959 (9th Cir. 1941) Cert. den. 314 U.S. 666.

Appellant has also appealed from the Amendment to Memorandum and Order dated and filed May 7, 1958 (R. Doc. 30) in response to Appellant’s Motion to Amend the

Order of April 18, 1958. Once again it is apparent from the cases already cited that this Order is of a procedural and corrective nature and not final in the sense of being appealable.

The next order specifically appealed from is the Memorandum and Order dated May 12, 1958, and filed May 13, 1958 (R. Doc. 34), in response to Appellant's earlier "Motion for Relief from Order under Rule 60(b) [newly discovered evidence]." (R. Doc. 31) This motion was recognized by the court as being a procedural impossibility under the facts of this case. In this connection the District Court stated: (R. Doc. 34, p. 2)

"The plaintiff has stated in the document now before the Court that she will move for relief from the aforementioned orders under the provisions of Rule 60(b) Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 'on the ground that plaintiff has discovered new evidence.' The rule reads as follows:

"On motion and upon such terms as are just, the court may relieve a party or his legal representative from a final judgment, order, or proceeding for the following reasons: * * * (2) newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); * * *

"There has never been a trial in this action, nor the introduction of any evidence; the matter was dismissed upon the state of the pleadings, from which it appears that the Court is without jurisdiction in the matter. Inasmuch as it is impossible for the plaintiff to move for a *new* trial, the document must be taken as something in the nature of a petition for a rehearing."

Since the circumstances which would permit a motion under Rule 60(b) did not exist the motion ~~as~~^{WAS} either a nullity or to have standing would have to be treated as a motion for

rehearing. Considering the motion as essentially one for a rehearing and which challenges the correctness of the order of dismissal, its denial would not be an appealable order. In *United States v. Muschany*, 156 F.2d 196, 197 (8th Cir. 1946) the court said:

“A timely motion which challenges the correctness of a judgment or order is intended to afford the trial court an opportunity to reconsider its action in entering the judgment and to amend it. The motion merely postpones the finality of the judgment and extends the time for appeal from the judgment. An appeal from the denial of such a motion is not an appeal, or the equivalent of an appeal, from the judgment or order the modification of which is sought. In *re Schulte-United, Inc.*, 8 Cir., 59 F.2d 553, 559; *State of Missouri v. Todd*, 8 Cir., 122 F.2d 804, 806; *Jones v. Thompson*, 8 Cir., 128 F.2d 888, 889; *Brown v. Thompson*, 8 Cir., 150 F.2d 171, 172-173. The appeal lies from the final judgment or order challenged by the motion, and not from the District Court’s refusal to modify it. *Pfister v. Northern Illinois Finance Corp.*, 317 U.S. 144, 149, 150 63 S.Ct. 133, 87 L.Ed. 146; *Bowman v. Loperena*, 311 U.S. 262, 266, 61 S.Ct. 201, 85 L.Ed. 177; *Wayne United Gas Co. v. Owens-Illinois Glass Co.*, 300 U.S. 131, 137, 57 S.Ct. 382, 81 L.Ed. 557; *Conboy v. First National Bank of Jersey City*, 203 U.S. 141, 145, 27 S.Ct. 50, 51 L.Ed. 128; *Alexander v. Special School District of Booneville*, 8 Cir., 132 F.2d 355, 358; *Brown v. Thompson*, *supra*, 150 F.2d 171, pages 172-173.”

The last Memorandum and Order appealed from dated and filed on May 19, 1958 (R. Doc. 38), was a denial of the last motion made by Appellant based on Rule 60(b) [fraud]. It is true that in certain situations the courts have considered the denial of a motion based upon fraud as an appealable order on the theory that there was in effect an

independent action arising out of the fraud; however, such facts do not appear in this case. The only so called fraud alleged, as indicated by the affidavit of appellant filed in support of her motion, is stated as follows:

“That on January 16, 1956, or on the actual date of the hearing of defendants’ motions to dismiss filed in the above cause, which admitted and conceded all of the facts of plaintiff’s complaint to be true, George Chadwick, Jr. in the presence of this plaintiff, and affiant, told the above entitled court that ‘if all of the facts stated by plaintiff were admitted to be true, this would be of no benefit to plaintiff.’” (R. Doc. 35, p. 2 of attached affidavit)

A simple reading of the above is sufficient to indicate that what has been termed fraud is no fraud at all. The quoted statement made in connection with the argument on the motion to dismiss was of course entirely true since, as found by the District Court and as hereinafter indicated in the Argument, Appellant had not stated a cause of action within the jurisdiction of the District Court. A statement by counsel of the theory upon which he is proceeding is certainly not fraud in any sense of the word.

In conclusion as to the jurisdiction of this court on this appeal it may be said:

(a) As to the order of January 28, 1958, the notice of appeal as to Appellee bank was filed too late.

(b) The other orders appealed from were not final orders under 28 USC 1291.

It is therefore submitted that the sole jurisdiction of this court is to dismiss this appeal in so far as Appellee bank is concerned.

II.

Statement of the Case

Appellant filed in the District Court a Complaint naming Appellee bank and Transamerica Corporation as defendants. This Complaint charged Appellees with mistreatment of the Appellant as an employee and also charged Appellee bank with violation of the national banking laws.

Appellees moved to dismiss the Complaint because of lack of jurisdiction in the District Court and this Motion was granted by the District Court (Memorandum and Order of January 28, 1958) on the grounds that there was no diversity of citizenship and no federal question.

Subsequent to the Memorandum and Order of January 28, 1958, Appellant filed four motions all of which were attacks in one way or another on the order dismissing the action. (See foregoing statement as to jurisdiction for an indication of the nature of each motion). Except in a single instance where the District Court substituted certain language for that used in a prior order, all of Appellant's motions were denied by the District Court and Appellant has appealed from the order of dismissal of January 28, 1958, and from all of the subsequent orders denying Appellant's motions.

III.

Argument

Assuming for the purposes of argument that this court has jurisdiction as to Appellee bank to hear this appeal, there appears to be no question but that the District Court was correct in dismissing the action based upon a lack of diversity of citizenship and failure to state a federal question.

(1) THE QUESTION AS TO DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP.

It is clear that for the purposes of jurisdiction in the federal courts a national bank is considered to be a citizen of the state wherein it is located. Both Appellant and Appellee bank are citizens of California. Appellant has called attention to 12 USC 94 which is primarily a venue statute, but has ignored 28 USC 1348 which reads as follows:

“The district courts shall have original jurisdiction of any civil action commenced by the United States, or by direction of any officer thereof, against any national banking association, any civil action to wind up the affairs of any such association, and any action by a banking association established in the district for which the court is held, under chapter 2 of Title 12, to enjoin the Comptroller of the Currency, or any receiver acting under his direction, as provided by such chapter.

“All national banking associations shall, for the purposes of all other actions by or against them, be deemed citizens of the States in which they are respectively located.”

The language of the District Court in its Memorandum and Order of January 28, 1958, covers this situation so well that it is quoted herein: (R. Doc. 20, p. 3)

“It is a fundamental rule in the federal courts that where jurisdiction is claimed to arise from diversity of citizenship of the parties and there are several parties plaintiff or defendant, and the parties on the same side are citizens of different states, that all parties on the same side must be capable of suing or being sued within the district where the action is brought. In this case, each defendant must be liable to suit in this Court; otherwise, the controversy would not be among citizens of different states. See: *Shainwald v. Lewis*, 108 U.S. 158, 2 S.Ct. 385, 7 L.Ed. 691; *Sewing Machine Co's Case*, 18 Wall. 553, 21 L.Ed. 914; *Sweeney v. Carter Oil Co.*, 199 U.S. 252, 26 S.Ct. 55, 50 L.Ed. 158.

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(a) The Civil Rights Statute as a basis for jurisdiction.

Once again the statement by the District Court in its Memorandum and Order of January 28, 1958, appears to consider and answer this question fully. The pertinent portion of the Memorandum follows (R. Doc. 20, p. 4)

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“In the case before the Court, plaintiff’s plethoric pleadings are filled with conclusions of law and irrelevant evidentiary matter, the substance of which is that she has been denied due process of law, rather than that she was denied the protection which is within the purview of the statute; nowhere has she alleged ultimate facts which are sufficient to state a claim for relief. Inasmuch as plaintiff’s claim for relief as based upon 42 U.S.C.A. 1985(3) is without merit, the Court is without jurisdiction in the matter.”

(b) Alleged violation of national banking laws.

Inherent in Appellant’s contentions appears to be the thought that her allegations of infractions of the national

banking laws provides a basis for jurisdiction when the Comptroller has failed to act. However by statute actions in this area may only be maintained by the Comptroller of the Currency and his action or nonaction would not appear to support the jurisdiction of the District Court as to an action by an individual. 12 USC 93 reads as follows:

“If the directors of any national banking association shall knowingly violate, or knowingly permit any of the officers, agents, or servants of the association to violate any of the provisions of this Title, all the rights, privileges, and franchises of the association shall be thereby forfeited. *Such violation shall, however, be determined and adjudged by a proper circuit, district or Territorial court of the United States, in a suit brought for that purpose by the Comptroller of the Currency, in his own name, before the association shall be declared dissolved. And in cases of such violation every director who participated in or assented to the same shall be held liable in his personal and individual capacity for all damage which the association, its shareholders, or any other person, shall have sustained in consequence of such violation.*” (Emphasis supplied)

In so far as actions by individuals are concerned, the above statute only authorizes actions against directors of the national bank involved. It would appear that this particular statute has no relevancy at all to support the claim of Appellant that the District Court had jurisdiction as to Appellee bank.

(c) The Fair Labor Standards Act.

Although the point is new and does not appear to be based upon the record in this case, Appellant, nevertheless, beginning at Page 29 of her brief, suggests that the District Court had jurisdiction under the Fair Labor Standards

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(b) Alleged violation of national banking laws.

Inherent in Appellant’s contentions appears to be the thought that her allegations of infractions of the national

banking laws provides a basis for jurisdiction when the Comptroller has failed to act. However by statute actions in this area may only be maintained by the Comptroller of the Currency and his action or nonaction would not appear to support the jurisdiction of the District Court as to an action by an individual. 12 USC 93 reads as follows:

“If the directors of any national banking association shall knowingly violate, or knowingly permit any of the officers, agents, or servants of the association to violate any of the provisions of this Title, all the rights, privileges, and franchises of the association shall be thereby forfeited. *Such violation shall, however, be determined and adjudged by a proper circuit, district or Territorial court of the United States, in a suit brought for that purpose by the Comptroller of the Currency, in his own name, before the association shall be declared dissolved. And in cases of such violation every director who participated in or assented to the same shall be held liable in his personal and individual capacity for all damage which the association, its shareholders, or any other person, shall have sustained in consequence of such violation.*” (Emphasis supplied)

In so far as actions by individuals are concerned, the above statute only authorizes actions against directors of the national bank involved. It would appear that this particular statute has no relevancy at all to support the claim of Appellant that the District Court had jurisdiction as to Appellee bank.

(c) The Fair Labor Standards Act.

Although the point is new and does not appear to be based upon the record in this case, Appellant, nevertheless, beginning at Page 29 of her brief, suggests that the District Court had jurisdiction under the Fair Labor Standards

Act of 1938, 29 USC 201 et seq. as a result of employment in 1939. In this connection it appears that if Appellant ever had such a cause of action it is at the present time forever barred. It should be a sufficient answer to this contention to refer to 29 USC 255 which reads as follows:

“§ 255. *Statute of limitations*

“Any action commenced on or after May 14, 1947, to enforce any cause of action for unpaid minimum wages, unpaid overtime compensation, or liquidated damages, under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, the Walsh-Healey Act, or the Bacon-Davis Act—

* * * * *

“(b) if the cause of action accrued prior to May 14, 1947,—may be commenced within whichever of the following periods is the shorter; (1) two years after the cause of action accrued, or (2) the period prescribed by the applicable State statute of limitations; and, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, every such action shall be forever barred unless commenced within the shorter of such two periods;”

(3) APPELLANT'S SPECIFICATION OF ERRORS.

Although as indicated Appellant has appealed from five orders of the District Court there are only three specifications of errors and the only orders specifically referred to are the Memorandum and Order of January 28, 1958, and the Memorandum and Order of May 19, 1958 issued subsequently to the Notice of Appeal but included therein.

As to the first order, Appellant's position appears to be that she should have been permitted to amend her Complaint. The answer is, this matter rested in the discretion of the District Court, and in any event, as already indicated, the order denying is not an appealable order.

The assignment of error in relation to the Memorandum and Order of May 19, 1958 is again a restatement of Appellant's contention that in the absence of action by the Comptroller she herself has some form of action based on the national banking laws. There appears to be no support to this position and the point has already been covered in the Argument, *supra*.

Appellant's last assignment of error is to the effect that Appellees made their Motion to Dismiss too late. It is fundamental, and requires no citation of authority, that the question as to jurisdiction may be raised at any time.

IV.

Conclusion

Based upon the foregoing it appears that this court should either dismiss this appeal as to Appellee bank or affirm the Memorandum and Order of the District Court of January 28, 1958.

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